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## MULTI-MILLION FUND DRIVE UNDERWAY

The Avila College Board of Trustees has announced a five-year fund raising campaign goal: \$4,350,000.

Since 1965 when total enrollment was 325, the college has reached a 1971 enrollment of over 750. This growth attests to the wide acceptance of Avila's programs, and has yielded the name of our campaign: Avila's "Something to Grow About" campaign.

While this growth speaks for the excellence of Avila's programs; it simultaneously creates some difficult situations caused by inadequate classroom, library and office space.

The fast-growing Department of Nursing has since 1965 more than tripled its enrollment. Nursing faculty and office space is severely crowded. The closing of five local hospital nursing schools will put additional nursing students at Avila's door.

The Avila library has been housed since 1963 in "temporary" quarters on the lower floor of the Administration Building.

A campaign for a Fine Arts Theatre Building, begun three years ago, yielded \$620,000 toward its \$1,000,000 estimated cost. The redesigning of the building to include nursing classroom and office space, and the inflation have elevated the projected cost of that building to \$1,600,000. Construction of the Goppert Theatre and Nurse Education Center should begin in 1972.

The library, estimated at a cost of \$2,000,000 should be under construction by 1976.

A team of volunteers met Monday, September 20 to kick off the campaign under the leadership of Ronald J. Bennett, Helm Lillis, Doug Letts, and Jack Kitchin.

Progress reports on Avila's "Something to Grow About" campaign will appear in future issues of the Avila College Magazine.



## WHY IS THIS MAN SMILING?

With the future of the small private college looking grim, Avila Development Director Ronald J. Bennett, the man in charge of business and finances for the college, has reason to be pleased as Avila maintains a healthy growth record. The college is operated on a conservative philosophy which calls for spending only that money which Avila actually has. For this reason a distinction is always made, Mr. Bennett notes, between "what is absolutely necessary and what it would be nice to have."

The Avila Repertory Theatre opens its season on October 19, 1971 at 8:30 p.m. with "Storybook Theatre," "A Day in the Death of Joe Egg," and two one-acts, "Adaptation" and "Next" will be alternate performances during the October 19-November 20 season. Tickets are \$6 for the season.

### THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Newly elected members of the Avila College Board of Trustees are Dr. Blanche Dow, Sister Mary Laurent Duggan, and Mr. Julian Knopke.



Dr. Dow, of 615 West Kansas, Liberty, Missouri, has been active in Missouri and national educational circles for many years. Past president of the AAUW, the AAUW Education Foundation, and of Cottey College for 16 years, Dr. Dow serves on the National Women's Council on Poverty and was on the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped from 1964 to 1970. She was chairman of the Missouri Commission on the Status of Women from 1964-1967 and has extensive additional professional and community service experience to her credit.



Sister Mary Laurent of 6400 Minnesota, St. Louis, Missouri, is the first elected Provincial Superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, St. Louis Province. She serves on the boards of St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City and of Fontbonne College in St. Louis. Among her many honors and activities is her inclusion in the 7th edition of WHO'S WHO OF AMERICAN WOMEN.

Julian Knopke, 220 West 54th St., Kansas City, Missouri, is president of Contractor's Supply Company. His civic activities include past presidencies of Serra Club, and of the Kansas City-St. Joseph Diocesan School Board. He is active on that board and serves as Treasurer for the Swope Ridge Nursing Home.



**ARTISANAT:** Clara Schneider ('70) George, Eleanor Shipps, SISTER Virginia and Sister Germaine enjoying themselves at the first summer workshop for French teachers. The success of the workshop determined the department's decision to hold the Artisanat again next summer.

### WHICH AVILA STUDENTS HAVE WHAT IN COMMON WITH JACQUES BREL?

The French majors, but of course, who will be alive and well and living in Paris during the Interim session this winter.

France, according to Avila's French Department, is the best place to learn French; Avila, a very close next best. All French classes at Avila are taught entirely in French, and there are ceaseless other opportunities for communication in that language: French club, French National Honor Society, "Amis Francais" dinners, films, plays, picnics, fairs and soirees. Even a mass is said in French. Culminating these experiences is the very thing itself: France, for the Interim or for the year. The Avila French department, which drew 8 new majors this year, has expanded its involvement to include a summer "Artisanat", and provides as well a challenging, not to say tantalizing, report of career opportunities for the foreign language major.



Reviewing the membership roster for the Scholarship Sponsor's luncheon on October 15, is Mrs. Ole C. Jensen, the organization's chairman, and Sister Olive Louise, president of Avila College. Anyone interested in Scholarship Sponsors is welcome to attend the luncheon. Call for reservation, please.



## A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO THE ALUMNI

We get your letters.

"Mike and I just purchased our first home . . ." "I'm writing a volume of poetry and beginning a novel . . ." "Our most exciting news . . . we are expecting!" "I often think of the many happy hours I spent at Avila . . ." "I've utilized your teachings in so many ways . . ." "I'm really enjoying motherhood . . . hard work, but so many wonderful moments."

Whether it's about progeny or poetry, we at Avila now are always pleased and heartened to hear the news and share the joys of our alumni. We draw great courage from the knowledge that you who have been with us have not forgotten us or the values we cherish. In these difficult social times, in a scientific age that has "added immensely to our understanding, and to our power, but not to our virtue," (Andrew Greeley, sociologist) we see again and again that our students and former students are making a positive contribution, enjoying happy, productive lives, making difficult decisions, but **good ones** — in short, "adding to our virtue" or strength.

While the general trend in 20th century ethics seems to be toward the abdication of personal responsibility toward group responsibility, even in dealing with problems that are **inherently personal in character and individual in solution**, we see instances among you of the individual at the time of great decision relying on his individual training, his individual ethics and his individual courage. We have done nothing for you if we have not prepared you for these difficult decisions. We find great joy in accounts such as this one:

I loved the college and always said that I spent the happiest part of my life there. It was in college that I first became concerned with missions, under the guidance of Sister Georgiana Marie. And from her I learned the "lettering" which I used to what I hope was good effect in an African mission of all places! I used to choose a passage from the Mass of a special feast day, and letter it on a large card. You would be surprised at how many Africans would stop to read the whole thing, when I put it up in the window, written in Swahili, sometimes spending 20 or 30

minutes poring over it. They are so thirsty for learning and for things to read!"

This is almost a showy example. We see your virtue manifest in your contributions to the simple daily exchanges among members of your family, of a school or office where you work.

Keep us in your thoughts and let us know your news. We are proud of you and hope always to keep you proud of Avila.

Sincerely,

*Sister Olive Louise, C.S.J.*

Sister Olive Louise, CSJ



Recent visitors to Avila, Florence Beck, professor emerita of philosophy (active 1940-1963), Sister Roberta Schmidt (Avila '49), president of Fontbonne College in St. Louis, visit with Miss Beck's grandniece, Pam Hobart, class of '75.

## DANFORTH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR YOU

If you have a B.A., haven't taught or been in school for 3 years because you've been raising a family, working for needed money, or ill, you may qualify for a Danforth Graduate fellowship to prepare you for teaching on the Secondary or College level. Interested persons should write the Director: Graduate Fellowships for Women, Danforth Foundation, 222 South Central Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 63105.



COLETTE BANGERT of Avila Art Faculty, drew second prize for a hand drawn entry in the 1971 Annual Exhibition of Computer Generated Art held in Chicago last month.

SISTER MARIE JOAN HARRIS, CSJ, Avila instructor in Chemistry, completed her PhD in Chemistry at the University of Kansas this summer.

SISTER MARGARET REINHART, head of the Avila Art Department, has been selected to serve on the 1971-72 Exhibition Committee of the Missouri College Art Association.

### ALUMNI NOTES

ALUMNI NOTES. We requested in the September issue of this publication that you send us your news. Here is what we got from you (and from some of your former teachers). When sending information, and please continue to, indicate maiden name and class, and make references to your husband and/or children by names. Thank you — and keep the news coming in. Also, if there is any error in our address for you, please notify us immediately.

'32 — Virginia Hogan Murphy and husband Owen celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year.

'52 — Patsy Maggard Neal has returned to Kansas City after 6½ years in Germany where her husband, Charlie, was stationed with the U.S. Army. He will be in Viet Nam this year.

'53 — Dorothy J. Connell Childers, her husband and two children live in Sedalia, Missouri. She is working toward a Master's Degree in Sociology at Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg.

'61 — Bonnie Hudson Gunckel lives in Kansas City with her husband and three children, Anita Louise, 6, Eric Dwaine, 4, and Craig Allen, 3 weeks. Bonnie is a dietitian, teaching part time at Penn Valley Community College.

'54 — Sharon Calloway, who holds an M.A. in Speech and English from U.M.K.C., is now teaching at Maple Woods Community College in Kansas City North.

'65 — Barbara Nemmers Shattuck and husband Jay live with their children Brad, 4, and Courtney, 4 months, in Norfolk, Nebraska where he is a representative for Merck, Sharp and Dohme Pharmaceutical Company. Says she: "I have done absolutely nothing spectacular . . . just a housewife!" (Ed. note: Depends on how you look at these things. May be a very gentle spectacle.)

'65 — Barbara Nickle, Accounting Staff Supervisor for AT&T, will be working in New York City on systems design.

'66 — Becky Tobin Peterson lives in Oslo, Norway with her husband Richard who is researching for his PhD, and daughter Kristin, age 1 month.

'67 — Shirley Troc Spiegel teaches at Barstow School in Kansas City and is working toward her Master's degree in French at U.M.K.C.

'67 — Mary Kay Steiner is assistant principal at Grass Valley School in Oakland, California. She is working on her M.A. in Interior Decorating in her "spare" time.

'68 — Diane Pinckley is working toward a doctorate in English at the University of Michigan and touring Europe. (Nice work if you can get it. What is Diane's secret for making doctoral work so glamorous?)

'68 — Geraldine Schermoly has been selected an "Outstanding Educator of America" and will appear in the 1971 volume. Chosen for talents in the classroom, contributions to research and professional standards, Gerry was nominated for the honor by officials of Penn Valley College where she works in the developing field of day care centers for children.

'68 — Cirol Stipetich Claypool is working toward a Master's degree in Mathematics at U.M.K.C. and teaching math at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kansas.

'69 — Pam Shanks Lieurance, lives in Moscow, Idaho with husband, Lann, who is working toward a forestry degree. Pam works as a coordinator for a home-health agency.

'69 — Pat Perusich teaches business at Bishop Miege High School in Kansas City.

'69 — Rita Martin White teaches French at Loretto Academy in Kansas City.

'70 — Joan D'Agostino will begin duties March, 1972 as Assistant Caterer for Buffets and Parties at the new Alameda Plaza, under construction now. From November through January she will tour Europe.

'70 — Noella Devolder is Instructor, Staff Development, at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas. She works with exchange visiting nurses from foreign countries to promote their professional knowledge and language skills and to enhance inter-cultural understanding. She reports that her work with the R.N.'s from the Phillipines, Korea, Finland, Belgium, and Liberia is challenging, interesting and satisfying.

'71 — Kathryn D'Agostino is an assistant instructor at the University of Kansas where she is working on a Master's degree in Mathematics.

'71 — Bev Renquist and husband Michael live in Dallas where he works in the Campus Ministry at the University of Texas. Their son Jonathan is one month old.

'71 — Jane Hewes Smith has been awarded a teaching assistantship at the University of Illinois at Champaign, where she will pursue a graduate degree in Chemistry. She and husband Lawrence live in Morton, Illinois.

'71 — Melmarie Smith and husband Charles are at home in Kansas City with a new son, Stanley, and two daughters: Rosalind and Marquita. Melmarie will soon return to her position as a teacher at Troost Elementary School.

Dear Alumni:

The Admissions Office has begun its seasonal hunt for future Avila students. You can help assure our getting the best ones by filling in the card below. You may not be able to give money or time; this is one valuable way to support Avila that requires neither. We value your opinion, so please give a moment's thought to the young men and women you know who might be interested in one of our programs. All handling of referrals is strictly professional.

Sincerely,



Darryl D. Rome  
Admissions Director

## STUDENT REFERRAL CARD

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_  
STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIAL INTERESTS? \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
YEAR OF H.S. GRADUATION \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!  
Director of Admissions  
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## WEDDINGS

### CLASS '68

Pauline Rose Duerr to Robert Paul Garcia on September 4 at Guardian Angels Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

### CLASS '69

Jeaneane Marie Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jones, to John Thomas Raab on August 14 at Pope St. Pius X Church, Mission, Kansas.

Judy J. Stoll, daughter of Mrs. Jacob Stoll and the late Mr. Stoll, to James C. O'Brien on July 17 in Kansas City, Kansas.

Nancy Irene Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zimmerman, to William Klatch on August 24 in Covina, California.

### CLASS '70

Diane Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Omar Brown, to Alonzo Beard on August 28 at St. Augustine Episcopal Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Julia Rose Owen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Richard Rosin, to James Edward McNamara on August 15 in Kansas City, Missouri.

### CLASS '71

Marilyn Marie McKinzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. McKinzie, to Billy Gene Lushy on September 4 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, Boonville, Missouri.

### CLASS '72

Kathleen Ann Baber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Baber, to Jack F. Watson, II, on May 22 in Redemptorist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

## BIRTHS

### CLASS '61

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry D. Gunkel (Bonnie Hudson), a son, Craig Allen, on September 5 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Meiners (Kathleen Kammerer), a daughter, Mary Kathleen, on August 26 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Rittenhouse (Carolyn Courter), a son, Eric, on August 24, in Kansas City, Missouri.

### CLASS '62

Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Forge (Kathryn Fahlstrom), a daughter, Beth Ann, on March 19 in Kansas City, Missouri.

### CLASS '63

Dr. and Mrs. Narcis J. Petkovich (Kay Prebich), a son, Geoffrey Mark Christopher, on February 22 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

### CLASS '66

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peterson (Becky Tobin) a daughter, Kristin Marie, on August 19 in Oslo, Norway.

### CLASS '71

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith (Melmarie Smith), a son, Stanley Osmond, on August 11 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Rev. and Mrs. Michael G. Renquist (Beverly Renquist), a son, Jonathan, on August 31 in Dallas, Texas.

## DEATHS

### CLASS '36

Mr. Lawrence N. Arcury, brother of Mrs. William D. Sweeney (Marie Arcury), on September 11 in Kansas City, Missouri.

### CLASS '53

Dr. Charles A. Koehler, father-in-law of Mrs. Thomas A. Koehler (Kathleen Flaherty) on August 22 in Kansas City, Missouri.

### CLASS '54

Mr. Louis J. Kelley, father of Loretta Kelly, on August 31 in Kansas City, Kansas.



Faculty-Student volleyball game. Which side is it? That's staff member Rich Palermo after a victory for the faculty team.

EDWIN BORSERINE, Avila Board of Councilors member, has been elected president of Serra, the international Catholic club that seeks to interest young men in the priesthood and other religious vocations.

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## BE THERE

Harry S. Truman  
Distinguished Lecture

Avila, October 12, 1971

8:00 p.m.

DAVID E. BELL SPEAKING

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## IDOL WORSHIP?

No. An instance of creative problem-solving or Registration Gymnastics. Lacking chair and table space this Avila registrant — one of over 750 — made do to get her papers ready for the next step (see line to left) in getting duly enrolled this fall.